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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To Whom it may Concern:

Dear Sir/Madam,

My Name is Truman Phillips, and I work as a network administrator for my employer. I have been active in computers for the last 10 years or so, and in this time, I have seen many things come and go, and unfortunately, many products that were very good in quality/reliability have fallen to the wayside due to Microsoft's continued Monopoly status.

Many software developers have been either run out of business by Microsoft's "benevolent to consumers" bundling practices, or Microsoft just outright purchased the companies.

Stacker Technologies (Maker of Data Compression software, Microsoft was found guilty of backward engineering Stack's technology)

Netscape's Navigator/Communicator web Browsers, back in 1995 William Gates, acting as a spokesman for Microsoft had at times told people that Microsoft was not interested in the Internet, and shortly after they changed directions, and started to incorporate a web Browser in Windows so that they could leverage their current Monopoly to gain Market share.

I personally feel that the solutions presented as a settlement in the ongoing legal proceedings are by and far inadequate to restrain Microsoft's Monopoly on Operating Systems, or to nurture honest competition in the marketplace.

I also do not think that a breakup of Microsoft as was previously attempted would accomplish anything more than to make two/three smaller monopoly companies.

I do feel that a market wide solution could be attempted. Microsoft has managed to maintain its Monopoly through preloading of software as the Computer Manufacturer.

I would propose a marketwide solution of a software package preconfigured and imaged to a CD-Rom disk(s) and sold as a separate package. In this way, true Market choices could determine if there will be a monopoly.

In any event, I am not a lawyer, and this may not be feasible from a legal standing.

But please take heart my opinion that as the current agreement stands

is a bad deal for the consumers of America.

Sincerely,

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